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REASONABLE OPPOSITION.

Cardinal Gibbons' opposition to a nation-wide prohibition is based upon well grounded opinion of the learned prelate that you can not legislate morality into a people. He recommends the passage of laws that would look toward the permanent forming of habits of temperance. The Cardinal has the courage of his convictions and is brave enough to "speak out" whatever he believes, even if it clashes with so popular a movement as that of nation-wide prohibition.

Rev. Ignatius Smith, the noted Dominican, tells why the Catholic church has not allied itself with prohibition, but will ever preach temperance for all. Father Smith writes:

"The Catholic church has not allied itself with the prohibition movement, as we know it in this country, because she sees so much in it that is not Catholic, because of her experience with human nature for the last nineteen hundred years, and because of her recognition of the rights and liberties of human nature. She believes in prohibition—for the man who does not know how to use alcoholic drinks in moderation, for the man who can not afford to indulge in them and for the man who is freely willing to sacrifice such pleasure. She has always counseled and advised her children to practice total abstinence; she has always thundered against the abuses of liquor. She has always recognized that many men can use moderately and without injury to themselves, their families, their religion or the State, alcoholic liquors. She has always recognized that many men can practice ordinary virtue without resorting to heroic measures. And in consideration of these men she has never attempted to force prohibition upon her children. The church has lived to see hundreds of reform measures come and go. Many of them were good. But there was nothing good in them that had not been provided for in the catalogue of the church's virtues. And she assured that when the present prohibition wave has subsided, the whole programme of public action has swung to another 'cure for all,' the church, plodding along in her unostentatious and calm way, will still be preaching temperance for all, and total abstinence for those that need it or want it."

THIS A PLOT?

Can it be that the action of a few corner boys in Irish cities and large towns, and the mouthings of a few self-entitled individuals who want to "pose" at the expense of their country's cause, are being magnified through the press, news agencies and otherwise in order to prejudice the real cause of Irish liberty, now in the most crucial stage of all its history? It does seem strange that the Sinn Fein bugaboo is being foisted now on the eve of the expected report of the Irish constitutional convention and also at a time when by this damnable propaganda Ireland might lose her best friend in the councils of the nations that will follow the war. Is there a machiavellian band at work somewhere behind the scenes?—Chicago Citizen.

BISHOP THIRTY YEARS.

Right Rev. M. F. Burke, Bishop of the diocese of St. Joseph, Mo., observed the thirty anniversary of his consecration recently. He was born in Ireland in 1845 and was brought to America early in life by his parents, who settled in Chicago. He was educated in that city and at Notre Dame University after completing his theological course at the American College, Rome, where he was ordained in 1875. He served in the Chicago diocese until 1887, when he was consecrated Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyo., from which see he was transferred to that of St. Joseph in 1893.

CELEBRATE CENTENARY.

Next January 6 it will be one hundred years since Bishop Du Bourg took up his residence in St. Louis. The event will be celebrated as the centenary of the episcopate in that city, although St. Louis was not canonically erected as a diocese until eight years later, in 1826.

GENERAL ARMY CHAPLAIN.

Pope Benedict has announced through Cardinal Gibbons and the Papal Delegate at Washington the appointment of Bishop Patrick J. Hayes, Auxiliary Bishop of New York, as general chaplain of the Catholic priests in the United States army and navy. It is stated that Catholic discipline requires that every priest must get

authority for the administration of the sacraments from the Bishop at the head of the diocese in which he happens to reside. It was due to this that the chaplain general was appointed.

ENJOYS THESE COLUMNS.

Edward H. Bossmeyer, of 1345 Second street, the well known tenor singer, says that it pays to read close the columns of the Kentucky Irish American, as in perusing the news in these columns last week he discovered that he was the winner of a watch awarded by the St. Vincent de Paul's Conference of St. Louis Bertrand's church, this being the first intimation of his good news.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours devotions will be held next at St. Mary's church, Eighth and Cedar, opening with high mass tomorrow morning and continuing until Tuesday. Rev. Father Westerman will direct the services and be assisted by a number of local priests.

NOVELTY NIGHT.

Next Wednesday night will be novelty night at the Knights of Columbus and Dr. O. F. Metcalf, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, announces that many surprises are in store for the members.

EARNED A PENSION.

Attorney Tom Walsh told the following story at a meeting the other night: "A woman applied for a pension the other day and the pension examiner asked why she thought herself entitled to a pension. "My husband and I fought all through the war," was the reply."

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

The long session of the present Congress convened this week, and it is expected that the session will last until September, 1918. One considerable task of the coming session will be to correct and enlarge the war legislation of the special session.

NICE BIRTHDAY GIFT.

Patrick Gallagher gave new stations of the cross to St. Mary's church at Hanover, Iowa, in honor of his one hundred and tenth birthday anniversary. Impressive services were held Sunday when the stations were erected and blessed.

WILL COME HOME.

Hon. Maurice Francis Egan, American Minister to Denmark, who recently underwent a surgical operation, is convalescing and expects to leave Copenhagen for Christmas, as so to be home for Christmas.

HOLDS 650 STARS.

The largest service flag erected in Washington since war was declared last April will be unfurled December 9 on the campus of Georgetown University, on the hilltop. The flag will bear 650 stars, one for every Georgetown student or graduate now in the service of his country. Patriotic exercises will precede the flag raising and addresses will be delivered by Government officials and prominent alumni of the university.

UNIVERSITY TRUSTEES.

At the recent meeting in Washington of the Trustees of the Catholic University three new members were appointed. They are the Right Rev. Dennis J. Dougherty, Bishop of Buffalo; Right Rev. Owen E. Corrigan, Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore, and James A. Farrell, President of the United States Steel Corporation.

BISHOP OF KERRY.

Very Rev. Dean O'Sullivan, V. G., of Tralee, County Kerry, Ireland, has been appointed Bishop of Kerry, in succession to the late Right Rev. John Mangan.

HIS POINT OF VIEW.

"Mike, didn't you tell me once you had a brother who is Bishop?" asked the contractor. "Yes, sir, I did that." "And here you are a bod-carrier. Well, things of this life are not equally divided, are they, Mike?" "No, sir," replied the Irishman, shouldering his hod and starting up the ladder. "Indade they is not. Poor fellay! He couldn't do this to save his loffe, sor!"

MUST BE FREE.

"Ireland must be a free and independent republic," declared the Rev. John J. Wynne, S. J., whose herculean labors as editor-in-chief of that colossal literary monument of the century, the Catholic Encyclopedia, are known and recognized the world over. Father Wynne gave expression to this truly American principle at the monthly session of the New York Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, held in New York recently. In scathing terms the distinguished Jesuit denounced the malignant efforts of those who were trying to cast aspersions on the loyalty of Catholics, especially Catholics of Irish blood in America. "We have entered the war," he said, "for our own American ideals and not for the ideals of any other nation. The President put this clearly—for freedom and democracy, not for one nation, but for all nations, big and small. Why clamor about Alsace-Lorraine and not about Poland? Why clamor about Belgium and not about Ireland?"

Father Wynne advocated free and open discussion in the press and on the platform of all these matters. He said Englishmen in England, scholars and writers, had declared in favor of an Irish republic. How could it be reasonable here to do the same thing? Closing, he said: "Persistent attacks on certain men of our race in New York and elsewhere, attacks on their citizenship and their loyalty to America, are without a particle of evidence to back them up. The attacks on men of our race in this country are not of American inspiration. They originate beyond the sea. These attacks must stop." If need be, he said, he would organize a nationwide campaign himself against the slanderous attacks on men of the Irish race, than whom none were more loyal to America.

BOOKLET FOR THE SOLDIER.

The Central Bureau of the Central Verein has published a very timely little Christmas booklet for our soldiers and sailors entitled "Joy." It is the second of the "soldiers' and sailors' series, "Who Goes There?" One of the most prolific sources of spiritual danger to the soldier and sailor are the many temptations to melancholy and blues which come in the train of homesickness and loneliness. To counteract these and to give a healthy and joyous outlook on life is the purpose of this latest addition to soldier welfare literature. A special feature of this latest publication of the Central Bureau, some very pertinent and beautiful reflections on Christmas, give suggestions for a truly merry Christmas in the best sense of the word. Like "Thrill," the first of this series, "Joy" sells for five cents a copy. They may be had on application to the Central Bureau of the Central Verein, 201 Temple building, St. Louis.

TREE 4,000 YEARS OLD.

When one of the big trees in California fell John Muir counted 4,000 rings from the heart out. That means the tree was forty centuries old. Thus it was a strong young tree when Abraham went into Egypt; it was bearing seed when Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed; it was old as America when Joseph was sold into Egypt, nearly a thousand years old when David slew Goliath, and older when Christ was born than the Christian religion is today!—Paper Mill.

FOR WOMAN'S EYE.

One jacket does now for many skirts. Winter skirts are short and decidedly narrow.

Long pendant earrings are the vogue for evening wear. Special Jersey silk makes separate peasant blouses that have met with agreeable reception.

It is no longer necessary to have a coat that matches a skirt or a blouse that matches either. Bags grow larger and larger as well as more gorgeous, and they carry many things besides knitting.

One must have a touch of ermine in evidence somewhere this season. It is very attractive and generally becoming.

The fur muff lined with velvet is far the warmest for the hands. Velvet outlasts both satin and silk lining. The low flat heel is noted on the majority of walking shoes, but for the dress shoe the high Cuban or French heel still leads. For Christmas gifts buy things that are useful and that will bring real happiness and all real wants, but avoid extravagance and waste. Women have learned that the

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